By the King.

A Proclamation for the diſcouery and apprehenſion of William Ruthen, and Patricke Ruthen, brethren to the late Earle of Gowrie.

WHereas the Kings Maieſtie is enformed, that William Ruthen, and Patricke Ruthen, (two brethren to the late Earle of Gowrie, a dangerous traytour to his Perſon) haue crept into this Kingdome with malicious hearts againſt him, diſguiſing themſelues in ſecret places, where hee is enformed, that they doe not onely vtter cankered ſpeeches againſt him, but are practiſing and contriuing dangerous plots, and deſperate attempts againſt his Royall Perſon; for effecting whereof, either by themſelues, or by ſuch as they can perſwade and ſuborne thereunto, they leaue no meanes vnaſſayed: Be it therefore knowen to all men by theſe Preſents, That for the ſpeedie apprehenſion of theſe malicious and dangerous perſons, William Ruthen and Patricke Ruthen aforeſaid, The Kings moſt excellent Maieſtie doeth ſtraitly command and charge all and ſingular Sheriffes, Juſtices of the Peace, Mayors, Bayliffes, Conſtables, and all and euery other his Highneſſe Officers within this his Realme of England, That they, and euery of them make diligent ſearch and enquirie for the ſaid malicious perſons William Ruthen and Patricke Ruthen, and to vſe all their beſt indeuours, aſwell within all manner of Liberties, as without, for the diſcouery, apprehenſion, and arreſting the bodies of them the ſayd William Ruthen and Patricke Ruthen, and being apprehended or arreſted, forthwith, ſpeedily, and without any delay, to bring them, or cauſe them to be brought vnder ſome ſafe cuſtodie, before ſome of his Highneſſe moſt Honorable Priuie Counſell, there to be proceeded with and ordered, according as Juſtice ſhall require: And herein not to faile, as they and euery of them tender their duety to his Highneſſe, and will anſwere the contrary at their vttermoſt perils.

And the Kings moſt Excellent Maieſtie doeth moreouer ſtraightly charge and command all and euery Searcher, Cuſtomer and Officer of any Port within this Realme, and all other his

Highneſſe Subiects, of What Nature, qualitie and condition ſoeuer hee or they bee, to Whoſe Houſes the ſaide William Ruthen, and Patrick Ruthen, or either of them ſhall reſort, or to Whoſe knowledge, notice or vnderſtanding it may come, Where or in What places they the ſaid William Ruthen, and Patrick Ruthen ſhall bee, or into Whoſe handes they ſhall come, to ſtay, apprehend, and arreſt them, and to bring them before ſome of his Maieſties Prime Counſell as aforeſaide, Wherein if any ſhall goe about to conceale them, or ſhall not reueale their abode (if it be in their power to doe ſo) his Maieſtie doth hereby pronounce, that he Will for euer after, holde them as partakers and abettours of their malicious practiſes and intentions, for Which they ſhal feele the Weight of his heauieſt indignation. And if at any time, any Subiects of his (out of their dutie) ſhall diſcouer the perſons aforeſayd, or their reſidence, and yet ſhall not find themſelues able to purſue them, his Maieſtie doth command them, to call for the aide and aſſiſtance of his Highneſſe Officers, or any other his Subiects, Whome his Maieſtie doeth alſo ſtraitly charge and commaund hereby, to bee ayding and aſſiſting herein, as they Will anſWere to the contrary at their vttermoſt perils.

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God ſaue the King.

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